Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government):* Government do not think that such instructions are necessary.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Tattamangalam):* Was it with a purpose that they went there?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government):* Surely.

Mr. V. R. Krishnan Ezhuthassan *(Urakam):* Police Officers in uniform attending meetings in such rural areas will have detrimental effect on the public who wish to attend such meetings.

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government):* No, Sir.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* The fear of uniform would scare away the audience.

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government):* Government do not think that the uniform scares away anybody.

Mr. M. K. Raja *(Mulakunnathukavu):* May I know, Sir, whether there was an order that Policemen should attend such meetings?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government):* No.

Mr. V. R. Krishnan Ezhuthassan *(Urakam):* Whether the Police Officer attended a committee meeting conducted in a private house.

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government):* No.

Mr. V. R. Krishnan Ezhuthassan *(Urakam):* Will Government be pleased to order that Police Officers should not try to attend meetings held in private houses?

Mr. President: Order, order. This question has reference to public meetings.

HOLDING OF PUBLIC MEETINGS—PREMISSION FOR

8. **Mr. V. R. Krishnan Ezhuthassan** *(Urakam):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) how many applications were received by authorities in 1119 and 1120 for permission for the holding of public meetings;

(*b*) who were the applicants for permission;

(*c*) how many of such meetings were of a political nature;

(*d*) how many applications were rejected;

(*e*) what were the grounds for their rejection;

(*f*) how many of the sanctioned meetings were of a political character?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) 269 in 1119 and
230 in 1120.

(*b*) The Government do not consider it expedient to publish the names of all the applicants.

(*c*) 12 in 1119 and
6 in 1120.

(*d*) 13 in 1119 and
6 in 1120.

(*e*) Due to apprehension of breach of peace if the meeting was held or for security reasons.

(*f*) Nil.

Mr. V. R. Krishnan Ezhuthassan *(Urakam):* May I know if I can infer that no political meetings at all was allowed to be conducted in this State during these years?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government):* Yes. It might be so.

Mr. V. R. Krishnan Ezhuthassan *(Urakam):* Among the applicants for holding public meetings there was one Deseeya Mahila Samajam of Elangunnapuzha. Was the Samajam given permission?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government):* I want notice.

Mr. V. R. Krishnan Ezhuthassan *(Urakam):* May I know whether the Government think that such meetings by Mahila Samajams will endanger public peace?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government):* This is all proving into some past events. The ban has already been lifted.

ARCHAEOLOGICAL MUSEUM IN THE STATE

9. **Mr. M. K. Raja** *(Mulakunnathukavu):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) what progress has been made about the proposal to establish an Archaeological Museum in the State;

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(*b*) whether the proposed Museum will be a *fait accompli* this year?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government)*:

(*a*) The proposal has been deferred for the present.

(*b*) No answer is necessary in view of (*a*).

Mr. M. K. Raja *(Mulakunnathukavu)*: May I recall that the Hon'ble the Diwan President had in his opening speech.....

Mr. President: Order, order. Is the Hon'ble Member asking for information?

Mr. M. K. Raja *(Mulakunnathukavu)*: Yes. I am coming to the question. I had expressed the keen personal interest about the proposal to establish an Archaeological Museum in the State. In view of that the answer given now "the proposal has been deferred for the present" does not seem to be correct.

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government)*: Government reconsidered this matter and the proposal has been deferred for the present. The excavation is going on and we want to know what exactly the result of that will be. If there is not anything worth forthcoming from the excavation we have only to postpone it.

LEGISLATION REGARDING UNEMPLOYMENT AND OLD AGE BENEFITS FOR WORKERS

10. Mr. P. K. Dewer *(Nominated)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether they intend making proper legislations regarding unemployment and old age benefits for workers;

(*b*) whether there is any proposal by the Government to bring in Bills regarding compulsory recognition of Trade Unions, Service rules, holidays with pay, sick leave allowances, etc;

(*c*) whether they have any scheme of social security for the post-war?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government)*:

(*a*) No. Government do not think there is necessity to introduce at this stage such a legislation in the State.

(*b*) Government propose to amend the Factories Act to make provision for "Holidays with pay". There is no proposal pending now to undertake legislation in respect of the other subjects. But they are considering what other labour legislation should be introduced in the State.

(*c*) The Government are not preparing a scheme of Social Security.

Mr. P. K. Dewer *(Nominated)*: May I know whether it is because there is no poverty is no unemployment here that they do not propose to introduce any legislation in the State?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government)*: In no other part of India there is such a legislation.

Mr. P. K. Dewer *(Nominated)*: Am I to understand that because there is no such legislation in other parts of India that it is not is necessary here also?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government)*: Government are satisfied that there is no necessity for it here also.

Rao Sahib K. Ayyappan *(Ezhuvas-Kanayannur)*: Would not the principles for which the world war was fought be applicable to Cochin also?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government)*: They are applicable all over the world, including Cochin State also.

Mr. P. K. Dewer *(Nominated)*: Are the Government aware that these questions are being considered in British India?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government)*: Yes. But it has not become law there yet.

Mr. P. K. Dewer *(Nominated)*: Are not the Government aware that a Bill on the subject has been published?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government)*: Government have seen that Bill and they are waiting to see the results.

Mr. P. K. Dewer *(Nominated)*: May I know whether any representation has been received on the subject from the Trade Unions here?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government)*: Yes.

Mr. P. K. Dewer *(Nominated)*: Is it the case of the Government that only when a legislation is introduced in British India that we should introduce the same in the State?

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